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## **Electrical Restoration and Emergency Shelter**

Middletown — Mayor Giuliano and City Officials have been working closely with Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) representatives to assess the massive power outages that have darkened the city due to the historic winter storm. Residents are asked to be patient while CL&P works to restore power. The storm has damaged the distribution grid and residents may be without power for up to a week or more.

Residents are also reminded that CL&P is responsible for the repair of wires from the utility pole to the connection at the household service, usually refereed to as the weather head. Property owners are responsibly for the maintenance and repair of their own electrical service. If there is damage to any of the electrical service on the outside of the house, the property owner will be required to contract with a licensed electrician for any repairs of the service leading to the CL&P connection point. If there is any doubt or concern on the soundness of the electrical service, residents are encouraged to consult with a licensed electrician. Safety must be a priority; remember that wires may be energized.

The City would also like to remind residents that the City's shelter is open at Middletown High School, 200 LaRosa Lane. The shelter is available for warming needs, charging of electrical devices, hot showers, food and water. Based on the capacity of the shelter, cots may not be available. The Council Chamber at City Hall, 245 deKoven Drive, will also be available as a warming and charging station as well.

For more information you can contact the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) information line at (860) 347-0144.

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